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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM – ASB 11-01

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TO: Building Inspection/Permit Offices
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SUBJECT: Temporary Asbestos Certification Policy

The new Lead-Safe Renovation rule administered by the Asbestos & Lead Section in the Department of Health Services (DHS) went into effect in Wisconsin on April 22, 2010. It regulates persons doing paint-disturbing work for compensation on pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities and requires companies to be certified and have at least one trained and certified Lead-Safe Renovator.

Due to the overwhelming response to this new rule and the resulting influx of company and individual certification applications to the Asbestos and Lead Section, the normal less than 10-day application processing time has increased dramatically.

Because of this, the program has instituted a temporary policy to allow persons to continue to work while waiting to receive their company and individual asbestos certifications from the Department.

A contractor must meet all of the following conditions to do regulated asbestos work before receiving certification:

1. The company must be certified or have submitted application to DHS for certification.
2. Individual(s) must submit application for asbestos certification to DHS.
3. Individuals must keep a copy of their training course completion certificate for the discipline with them at the job site until they receive their certification card from the Department. A copy of the application form is also recommended.

This temporary certification policy will remain in effect until there is no longer a delay in application processing time that exceeds 10 working days. When this is achieved, information that the temporary certification policy is no longer in effect will be placed on the Section's asbestos website at www.dhs.wi.gov/asbestos.

Please contact the Asbestos & Lead Section at 608-261-6876 or email dhsasbestoslead@wi.gov with any questions.